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1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE

BUREAUS. EB, IO, ARA, AND NEA DID NOT SUBMIT.

AF - NATHANIEL DAVIS

TODAY - I MET TODAY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DJERMAKOYE OF
NIGER. WE DISCUSSED NIGER'S VOTING RECORD REGARDING
THE KOREAN AND VIETNAMESE RESOLUTIONS. I MADE A STRONG
PITCH ON KOREA AND THE IMPORTANCE WE PLACE ON THE
NIGERIAN VOTE.

TONIGHT - I SHALL ATTEND A NIGERIAN RECEPTION IN HONOR
OF MINISTER DJERMAKOYE.

TOMORROW - OUR AMBASSADOR TO BURUNDI, DAVID MARK,
WILL CALL TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF AN AID PROGRAM
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THERE.

EA - PHILIP C. HABIB

EAST ASIAN BUREAU ORGANIZATION. WE ARE REDUCING THE NUMBER OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES IN EA FROM FOUR TO THREE AS PART OF A GENERAL STREAMLINING OF THE BUREAU, AND OWEN ZURHELLEN WILL BE REASSIGNED AS A RESULT. WE ARE ALSO AMALGAMATING THE LAOS/CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM COUNTRY DIRECTORATES, REFLECTING REDUCED ACTIVITY ON THOSE DESKS. THESE MOVES, WHICH I ANNOUNCED TODAY, WILL ALLOW EA TO REPROGRAM PERSONNEL FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY WITHOUT INCREASING OVERALL STAFF LEVELS.

JAPANESE SOCIALIST PARTY DELEGATION. I HAD A LIVELY 90 MINUTE MEETING WITH THE JAPANESE SOCIALIST PARTY DELEGATION TODAY. THEY WERE ANXIOUS TO LET US KNOW THAT THE JSP IS HAPPY TO HAVE ITS FIRST OFFICIAL DELEGATION IN EIGHTEEN YEARS VISITING THE US. THEY WILL BE SEEING PEOPLE IN CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER OFFICIAL CIRCLES. MY DISCUSSION WITH THEM CENTERED MOSTLY ON THE SUBJECT OF KOREA. WE PARTED AGREEING THAT A REDUCTION OF TENSIONS ON THE PENINSULA AND DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE KOREAN PARTIES WAS DESIRABLE, BUT DISAGREEING HOW THAT BEST COULD BE ACHIEVED.

MICRONESIAN DELEGATION SEEKS SUPPORT ON AIR ROUTE CASE. A DELEGATION FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HEADED BY SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY CALLED ON ME TODAY TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT THAT HE APPROVE THE CAB'S AWARD OF THE SAIPAN-TOKYO AIR ROUTE TO CONTINENTAL AIR LINES. I INDICATED THAT WE WOULD TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF THEIR VIEWS. TWO OTHER US CARRIERS - PAN AMERICAN AND NORTHWEST ORIENT - ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN THE ROUTE, WHILE THE JAPANESE OPPOSE ANY NEW ROUTE AWARDS IN THE AREA.

DINNER AT PRCLO. BILL GLEYSTEN AND I WILL BE GUESTS OF AMBASSADOR HUANG CHEN FOR DINNER THIS EVENING.

EUR - ARTHUR A. HARTMAN:
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MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR ON THE SAHARA: MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR CAME IN TO SEE BRUCE LAINGEN TO DESCRIBE MOROCCAN POLICY ON THE SPANISH SAHARA ISSUE. THE AMBASSADOR, SAYING HE WAS NOT SPEAKING ON INSTRUCTIONS, WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF SPANISH POLICY ON THE SAHARA AND EVEN MORE SO OF ALGERIA. HE SAID THAT MOROCCO WAS PREPARED TO WAIT UNTIL THE ICJ DECISION AND THE END OF THE

CURRENT UNGA AND EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL HOPE THAT THE U.S. WOULD ENGAGE IN "INFORMAL MEDIATION" IN FACILITATING AN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SPAIN AND MOROCCO.

POSSIBLE EX-IM FINANCING FOR PORTUGUESE PETRO-CHEMICAL COMPLEX: LAINGEN RECEIVED TWO EXECUTIVES OF PORTUGAL'S NATIONAL PETROCHEMICAL COMPANY (CNP) WHO ARE IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS EX-IM BANK PARTIAL FINANCING OF A DOLS 160 MILLION PETROCHEMICAL PROJECT. THE PORTUGUESE SAID THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT EX-IM HAD SUGGESTED ANOTHER TWO YEARS OF STUDY MIGHT BE NECESSARY GIVEN UNSTABLE CONDITIONS IN PORTUGAL AND THE FINANCIAL SIZE OF THE PROJECT. LAINGEN TOLD THEM THE U.S. HOPES FOR FURTHER MOVEMENT TOWARD A STABLE, WESTERN DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL. IF SUCH CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MOVEMENT OCCURS WE WOULD EXAMINE SYMPATHETICALLY WHAT MIGHT BE DONE WITH REGARD TO PORTUGAL'S SEVERE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. WE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP WITH EX-IM.

EAST-WEST TRADE: JACK ARMITAGE BRIEFED AND LUNCHEDED WITH FORTY OR SO MEMBERS OF THE WASHINGTON EXPORT COUNCIL. THEY WERE PREDICTABLY CONCERNED OVER THE IMPACT OF LACK OF MFN AND CREDITS ON EAST-WEST TRADE PROSPECTS, MORE IN COMING MONTHS THAN RIGHT NOW; ARMITAGE INDICATED THAT WE WERE KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH CONGRESS ON POSSIBLE MOVEMENT ON JACKSON/VANIK AND SUGGESTED THAT THEY MAKE KNOWN THEIR CONCERNS. THEY ARE ALSO WORRIED ABOUT HIGHER EX-IM INTEREST RATES SHOULD THE CREDIT FREEZE EASE.

H - RJMCCLOSKEY

1. MIDDLE EAST INTERIM AGREEMENT - THE HIRC VOTED TO REMAIN IN OPEN SESSION THIS MORNING IN SPITE OF SISCO'S CONFIDENTIAL

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OBJECTIONS. THIS REDUCED THE VALUE OF THE SESSION. AN ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION IS SET FOR WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK, AFTER WHICH THE COMMITTEE WILL VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT. ALTHOUGH SERIOUS QUESTIONS REMAIN ON THE OIL COMMITMENT, MILITARY ASSISTANCE, THE LEGAL NATURE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL AGREEMENTS, AND THE PROCEDURES FOR DISCUSSING THE ISSUES WITH THE COMMITTEE, THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL VOTE FAVORABLY TO SUPPORT US TECHNICIANS IN THE SINAI. TIMING IS LESS CERTAIN, BUT PROBABLY BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK.

2. PANAMA - HOUSE-SENATE CONFEREES ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL ELIMINATED THE SNYDER AMENDMENT (DENYING FUNDS FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS) AND ENACTED AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE VERSION.

3. DIEGO GARCIA - AT OUR REQUEST, THE NSC HAS CONVENED A MEETING FOR 10:00AM TOMORROW TO DISCUSS A MORE RESPONSIVE AND CONSISTENT POSITION ON DIEGO GARCIA.

4. AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND - CONGRESSMAN GONZALEZ'S OFFICE TOLD US TODAY THAT THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND BILL WILL BE MARKED UP SEPTEMBER 23. SINCE IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT TREASURY WILL AGREE, THE AMOUNT IS LIKELY TO BE \$25 MILLION (\$8 MILLION FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND YEARS AND \$9 MILLION FOR THE THIRD).

5. RHODESIAN CHROME - THE RULES COMMITTEE VOTED LATE THIS AFTERNOON 8-6 FOR AN OPEN RULE ON THE RHODESIAN CHROME BILL, WHICH WILL PERMIT THREE HOURS OF DEBATE. FRASER, BUCHANAN AND DIGGS ARE PUSHING FOR A SEPTEMBER 25 VOTE.

L - MONROE LEIGH

--LEIGH ACCOMPANIED SISCO FOR APPEARANCE BEFORE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON MIDDLE-EAST PROPOSAL.

--LEIGH RECEIVED THE SOLICITOR GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR WHO HAVE REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT TO INTERVENE DIRECTLY TO SEEK DISMISSAL OF A CONFIDENTIAL

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LIBEL SUIT AGAINST PRESIDENT MARCOS AND SIX OTHERS WHICH IS NOW PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN CALIFORNIA. AGREED TO CONSIDER REQUEST AND RESPOND WHEN SOLICITOR GENERAL RETURNS TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK.

--ALDRICH CHAIRED A MEETING OF DEFENSE, STATE AND ACDA OFFICERS TO BEGIN COORDINATION ON THE CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS ISSUES AND CERTAIN OTHER ISSUES BEFORE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE LAWS OF WAR. FREQUENT MEETINGS WILL BE NECESSARY THROUGHOUT THE AUTUMN AND WINTER IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE AGREED POSITIONS FOR THE U.S. DELEGATION.

--SCHWEBEL PREPARED DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 19 WITH U. S. OIL CONCESSIONAIRES IN VENEZUELA, SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT, FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF MESSRS. MAY, LEIGH, ROGERS, ET AL. IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE ANTITRUST IMPLICATIONS OF DISCUSSING POLICY WITH THE COMPANIES COLLECTIVELY, HE EXPLORED WITH JUSTICE'S ANTI-TRUST DIVISION WHETHER IT WISHES TO BE PRESENT; IT SEES NO NEED.

--SCHWEBEL CONFERRED WITH HARTMAN ON PROSPECTS FOR RE-

NEGOTIATION OF U. S. CLAIMS AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA. GUGGENHEIM (LAWYER FOR THE COMPANY THAT HAS BLOCKED ACCEPTANCE OF A SETTLEMENT HAS ASSURED US A LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY WILL SHORTLY ARRIVE ACCEPTING THE NEW TERMS OF A 50 SETTLEMENT TO BE SOUGHT OF PRAGUE.

PM - THOMAS STERN, ACTING

APPEARANCE BEFORE CONGRESSMAN NIX--TOGETHER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF T (LEWIS) AND L (MICHEL), I APPEARED BEFORE THE HIRC'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY THIS AFTERNOON. ALTHOUGH THE DISCUSSION WAS ADVERTISED AS PRIMARILY ABOUT THE ARMS TRANSFER PROCESS, IN FACT THE QUESTIONING RELATED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE ISSUE OF AGENT FEES AND ILLEGAL PAYMENTS. WE TRIED TO DRAW A DISTINCTION BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND FMS SALES. WE POINTED OUT THAT NO USG FUNDS WERE INVOLVED IN ANY OF THESE TRANSACTIONS AND THAT BOTH ON THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL GROUNDS, THERE ARE SEVERE LIMITATIONS TO USG'S ABILITY TO BECOME IN-CONFIDENTIAL

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